

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Scott Cunningham Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No.: 10/621,759 Group: Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: July 17, 2003 Docket: 203-3408 (2852 PRO)
For: SURGICAL NEEDLE Dated: October 20, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

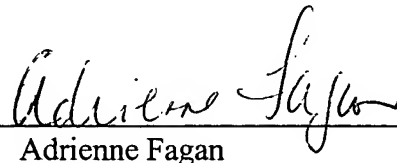
Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the listed items are not enclosed as the Office hereby waives the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98.

The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that the references are prior art. The items

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postpaid in an envelope, addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on October 20, 2003.

Dated: October 20, 2003


Adrienne Fagan

listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of these particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible. The filing of this information disclosure statement is not an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

- ☐ This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application.
- ☐ This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application.
- ☒ To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.
- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).
- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(ii).
 - ☐ Enclosed by check is the petition fee of \$130.00. (37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1))
 - ☐ Please charge the \$130.00 petition fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2140.
- ☐ Enclosed by check is the \$180.00 fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- ☐ Please charge the \$180.00 fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-2140.
- ☒ Please charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) which may become due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and/or §1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account 50-2140. Also, in the event any extensions of time for

responding and/or a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(i) are required for the pending application(s), please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time and/or enter this Information Disclosure Statement as required and charge Deposit Account No. 50-2140 therefor. **TWO (2) COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.**

The claims of the application as now presented are believed to be patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond E. Farrell", written in a cursive style.

Raymond E. Farrell
Reg. No. 34,816
Attorney for Applicant(s)

CARTER, DELUCA, FARRELL & SCHMIDT, LLP
445 Broad Hollow Road
Suite 225
Melville, New York 11747
Phone: (631) 501-5700
Fax: (631) 501-5715

REF/af



Form PTO-1449 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number 203-3408 (2852 PRO)	Application Number 10/621,759
Applicant Scott Cunningham		
Filing Date July 17, 2003		Group Art Number Not Yet Assigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
	4,513,747	04/30/85	Smith			
	4,799,484	01/24/89	Smith et al.			
	4,932,961	06/12/90	Wong et al.			
	5,041,127	08/20/91	Troutman			
	5,100,432	03/31/92	Matsutani			
	5,330,441	07/19/94	Prasad et al.			
	5,403,344	04/04/95	Allen			
	5,415,707	05/16/95	Bendel et al.			
	5,464,422	11/07/95	Silverman			
	5,477,604	12/26/95	Smith et al.			
	5,539,973	07/30/96	Smith et al.			
	5,630,268	05/20/97	Smith et al.			
	5,644,843	07/08/97	Smith et al.			
	5,661,893	09/02/97	Smith et al.			
	5,683,416	11/04/97	McGregor et al.			
	5,693,072	12/02/97	McIntosh			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
					Yes	No

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Examiner	
----------	--

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.



Sheet 2 of 2

Form PTO-1449

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION
IN AN APPLICATION**

(Use several sheets if necessary)

Docket Number

203-3408 (2852 PRO)

Application Number

10/621,759

Applicant

Scott Cunningham

Filing Date

July 17, 2003

Group Art Number

Not Yet Assigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
		5,701,656	12/30/97	Smith et al.			
		5,730,732	03/24/98	Sardelis et al.			
		5,776,268	07/07/98	McJames et al.			
		5,797,961	08/25/98	Smith et al.			
		5,913,875	06/22/99	Smith et al.			
		5,985,355	11/16/99	Walther et al.			
		6,018,860	02/01/00	Smith et al.			
		6,214,030	04/10/01	Matsutani et al.			
		6,252,195	06/26/01	Mosavi et al.			
		6,322,581	11/27/01	Fukuda et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
							Yes	No

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Examiner	
----------	--

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.